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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Bruce Lee Perfect

MAN SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING A PIPE BOMB

A Detroit resident who manufactured two destructive devices was sentenced today to 27 months imprisonment, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Valerie J. Goddard, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Bruce Lee Perfect, 31, of Detroit, was sentenced by United States District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds.

Perfect pleaded guilty on October 26, 2006 to one count of Manufacture of Unregistered Destructive Device. The criminal charges arose following Perfect's arrest on June 7, 2006 by ATF agents after he manufactured two destructive devices.

At the time of his plea, Perfect admitted that he manufactured two destructive devices, commonly referred to as "pipe bombs", which were constructed from an empty section of metal

pipe containing gunpowder, with two metal end caps that were side primed with a length of cannon fuse. Perfect did not register the “pipe bombs” in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record as required by law.

U.S. Attorney Murphy said, “There is no law-abiding reason why someone should engage in manufacturing explosive devices. The process of manufacture, let alone the possession and use, of such devices is a danger to the community. Today’s sentence is an appropriate penalty for this serious crime.”

SAC Goddard said, “In this day and age ATF is committed to the prevention, detection and response to explosive crimes. There is no legitimate reason to manufacture or possess a pipe bomb and this sentence will hopefully deter others from manufacturing these extremely dangerous devices.”

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Gillooly.